

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, June 18, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Haggerty and Szczepanski.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Chair Slinde referred to the additional items that were added to the agenda and asked that #5a be removed because the attorney cannot be present and that #12a be removed because the item will be addressed at the special Personnel Committee meeting next Friday.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include two additional travel requests). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Drolet, supported by Vosburg, to approve the March 19, 2008 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**Public Participation**

Jim Perna, 38180 Saddle Lane, Clinton Township

Mr. Perna spoke on behalf of the Senior Swing Society and expressed thanks to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Board of Commissioners for past use of the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building for their senior dances. He stated that because of the new charge for use of the facility and insurance, they will no longer be holding the dances there because it is impossible to raise the additional money.

**LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,311,046.59, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED (WITH TOCCO ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR FALK AND TOCCO/FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI, PLLC/FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

**CONTRACT TO COLLECT DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT TO COLLECT DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**PLACEMENT OF COUNTY'S GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY, FIDUCIARY AND CRIME POLICIES WITH SELECTED CARRIERS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY, FIDUCIARY AND CRIME POLICIES WITH THE SELECTED CARRIERS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009.

Discussion followed with several commissioners raising concern about the bidding process for insurance policies and whether or not local agencies are given the opportunity to participate in bidding. Mr. Anderson explained that it is quite common for a government entity such as the County to deal with one of the five or six large brokerage firms that are experienced in dealing with the specialized insurance and claim situations that could arise. He stated that Marsh, the County's current brokerage firm, provides excellent service, competitive pricing and offers global leverage and support that is not available from smaller local agents.

A representative from Marsh clarified that an insurance broker represents the insured (such as the County) and an insurance agent represents the insurance company.

Commissioners requested that the bidding process be more open. Mr. Anderson said he will be putting a bid together early in 2009 and will bring it to the Board to review prior to putting it out. Commissioners also requested that Mr. Anderson list all of the difference insurances that the County requires and provide a detailed explanation at a later date since there has historically been confusion about the bidding process as well as the options available.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRULEY VOTING “NO.”**

### **2008 SPRING AUCTION RESULTS**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the 2008 Macomb County Spring Auction results. **The Motion Carried.**

### **UPDATE ON SENIOR DANCES AT FREEDOM HILL**

Commissioners questioned Mr. Dino Bucci, President of the Parks and Recreation Commission, about the status of the Senior Swing Dances. Mr. Bucci stated that it is not a County-sponsored event, but the sponsorships and ads give the perception that it is endorsed by the County. He said that senior citizens seem willing to pay a reasonable fee to cover the hall rental and insurance and it is estimated that the maximum would be approximately \$2-3 per attendee. He said the County used to provide a subsidy which helped to fund these dances, but that is no longer an option.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the update on Senior Dances at Freedom Hill. **The Motion Carried.**

### **APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to appoint the following law firms:

Johnson Rosati LaBarge Aseltyne & Field to represent the County of Macomb and Carl Marlinga and to appoint the law firm of Plunkett Cooney to represent Eric Kaiser in the litigation filed in federal court with Nathaniel Hatchett as the plaintiff and

Kitch Law Firm to represent Macomb County Workforce Development in the lawsuit filed by Sidney John Gudger in federal court.

**The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC. ON 25 YEARS OF ADVOCACY (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN)**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC. ON 25 YEARS OF ADVOCACY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Rengert, to approve the travel requests as submitted, with inclusion of mileage reimbursement for #a (Board of Commissioners) and #d (Risk Management). **The Motion Carried with Drolet and Duzyj voting “No.”**

At this time, Chair Slinde acknowledged Christopher Ilitch who was in attendance with the Stanley Cup. Mr. Ilitch expressed his family's appreciation to Macomb County and indicated that they have over 900 Macomb County Red Wings' season ticket holders.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Crouchman, to recess the meeting at 10:13 a.m. to allow pictures to be taken with the Stanley Cup. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Slinde called the meeting back to order at 11:07 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, J. Flynn, Lund, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Vosburg and Slinde. There were 14 “Yes” votes.

**The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 11:09 a.m., with it concluding at 11:42 a.m.

**CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL AND  
OUTSIDE COUNSEL IN CASE OF JASON GLICK V MACOMB COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF JASON GLICK V MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ET AL. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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Committee Reporter